

Jonathan Miller

Jonathan Miller, 41, was appointed by Governor Steve Beshear in December 2007 to serve as Kentucky's Secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet.

As the state's Chief Financial Officer, Secretary Miller oversees the agency that operates as the hub of state government, and serves on dozens of state boards, covering policy matters which range from higher education to environmental protection, from affordable housing to the 2010 World Equestrian Games.

Secretary Miller has led Governor Beshear's recent pension reform efforts which have already resulted in passage of comprehensive, bi-partisan legislation that averted the systems' bankruptcy. Currently, Miller chairs the Kentucky Public Pension Working Group, which is developing plans to help improve fund investments, provide sufficient long-term state funding for the pension plans, and ensure quality, affordable, and sustainable health care benefits for teachers and state employees.

When the nation's financial crisis this year threatened to shut down the state's student loan corporation, Miller helped engineer a \$50 million bond purchase that served as a bridge loan to keep the student loan program afloat. This move ensured that over 110,000 Kentucky students would be able to pay for higher education this fall, at a favorable rate to Kentucky taxpayers.

Secretary Miller also is leading the Beshear Administration's efforts to promote energy efficiency and conservation in state government; to provide for the long-term financial self-sufficiency of Recovery Kentucky, a nationally acclaimed statewide network of peer-to-peer drug treatment facilities; and to ensure government transparency and accountability through establishment of a new Web site where citizens will be able to review how their tax dollars are being spent.

Prior to his appointment to the Beshear Cabinet, Miller served for eight years as Kentucky's State Treasurer, having been elected statewide in 1999 and re-elected in 2003.

As Treasurer, Miller helped create a pre-paid college tuition savings program to help Kentucky parents better afford a college education for their children. Kentucky's Affordable Prepaid Tuition program (KAPT) has enrolled more than 9,000 families since its launch in 2001. Miller also formed a bipartisan Commission on Personal Savings and Investment, which developed a variety of programs and initiatives to promote financial literacy by educating students about responsible credit use; prohibiting aggressive marketing of credit cards on campus; protecting our most vulnerable citizens from predatory lending practices;

offering free financial training for Kentucky women and girls; and easing the financial burdens on military families during times of deployment.

While Kentucky State Treasurer, Miller streamlined internal accounting procedures, modernized office technology and improved customer service. The unclaimed property program launched a series of popular eBay auctions and broke records in terms of claims processed and money returned to its rightful owners.

In May 2001, Miller was appointed to the Executive Monitoring Committee of state and local financial officers, which monitors the return of assets seized during the Holocaust to their rightful owners. In March 2002, Miller was one of 200 distinguished delegates appointed by President Bush and Congressional leaders to the 2002 National Summit on Retirement Savings charged with developing strategies to ensure a secure and dignified retirement for all Americans.

Miller has been active in the political arena, serving on the Democratic National Committee Rules Committee in 2008, as Chairman of the Kentucky Democratic Party in 2007, and having a featured speaking role at the Democratic National Convention in 2000. Miller also has played several leadership roles in his community, including service on the board of the Lexington Urban League.

Prior to his service in state government, Miller was an aide to former Vice President Al Gore, Deputy Chief of Staff for the U.S. Department of Energy, Legislative Director for Tennessee Congressman Jim Cooper, and an attorney in private practice for Latham & Watkins in Washington, DC, and Miller, Griffin & Marks, in Lexington.

Miller is the author of a critically-acclaimed book on the role of faith in public policy, *The Compassionate Community: Ten Values to Unite America*, published nationally in 2006 by Palgrave MacMillan, a division of St. Martin's Press.

Miller is a native of Lexington, and graduated with high honors from both Harvard College and Harvard Law School. He currently resides in Lexington with his wife Lisa, and their daughters, Emily (14) and Abigail (12).